

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
April 25, 2016

President Hedger opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Lehane, Mr. Lenihan, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell, Mr. Tolliver. Mr. Tassell motioned to excuse Mr. Lehane and Mr. Perin. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 City Council Meeting. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment – Citizens and Guests –**

#### **Ms. Mary Ellen Kramer – Hamilton County Health Dept. We Thrive Program**

Ms. Kramer spoke about the *We Thrive Program*. She noted that communities can get involved by adopting a resolution which solidifies the commitment to health and well-being in the city. There are six pathways which include: chronic disease, emergency preparedness, environmental health, injury prevention, substance use and abuse prevention and social health. Communities should select a minimum of one pathway to get started. Ms. Kramer handed out folders with information regarding the program and encouraged council to consider involvement for Deer Park.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

##### **Bridge Payment - credit and debit card payment solutions**

Mr. Berens stated that the cost for our current credit card machines have high fees. New machines are needed as old ones are out of date as they cannot read the new chip cards. There is a company we can switch to that will offer us use of the machines as a 3% fee is charged to the customer. This is available only to government entities and would save the city money. We will look into options and comparisons soon and will have more information.

#### **Safety Committee**

##### **Police Department Open House, May 14, 2016, 1pm-3pm**

Mr. Berens announced that the Deer Park Police will host an open house on May 14 from 1 – 3 pm. All officers will be present and the department will be open so that citizens may receive a tour.

#### **History of The Deer Park Police Department**

Mr. Berens announced that Lt. Milt Proctor wrote a book all about the history of the Deer Park Police Department. It is on display in the lobby of the city building and is available for purchase for \$20.00. Lt. Proctor donated 12 cases of these books and all proceeds will go to the Historical Society.

#### **Fire District Minority Recruitment Efforts**

Mr. Berens announced that the atmosphere within the fire department has been contentious however the department wants to work together and find a resolution for minority hiring. Next week the Village of Silverton manager and the attorney will be meeting with Mr. Berens.

#### **Public Works Committee**

##### **2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan**

Mr. Tassell announced that we are waiting for the capital improvement plan to come in. Mr. Berens announced that he met with Mr. Tim Casto and the draft has been received.

### **Storm Water District 2017 Level of Service Selection Form**

Mr. Berens announced that there is a copy of the fee structure for 2017 for level of service in the mailboxes. This is done every year and we need to figure out if we want to have direct billing or add the fee to the tax bill. The estimated service fee is \$8.13. Mr. Tolliver motioned to put the Hamilton County storm water payables on the tax bill. Ms. Newsom seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **MSD Rate**

Mr. Tassell, who is on the County taskforce, stated that they are currently finishing the rate recommendations. One key change recommended was switching from quarterly to monthly billing with no increase this year. Final recommendation will be out in May.

### **Naturalization Ceremony at Deer Park High School**

Mr. Tassell announced that he recently attended the naturalization ceremony at Deer Park High School where 69 people became American citizens. He complimented the police and fire departments on safety. Both Mr. Tassell and Mayor Donnellon commented on how amazing this experience was not only for them but for the staff and students, whose behavior was excellent.

### **Report of Special Committees / Boards**

#### **Park Board**

Mayor Donnellon announced that they are still working on the Music in the Park event. Members of the Park Board recently power washed the memorial to get it ready for the Memorial Day ceremony.

### **Infrastructure Committee Report**

**Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – None**

**New Business – None**

**Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous –** Ms. Perin announced that there is a Pipeline Awareness Liaison meeting on May 16, 2016 at the Sharonville Convention Center and includes a meal and an incident exercise. She will scan and email information to all.

### **Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer – None**

**Law Director – None**

**Auditor – None**

**Safety Service Director –** Mr. Berens announced that Mr. Dan Koterba, owner of Grateful Growers, is holding a grand opening this Saturday April 30 at his business, across from the city building, at Matson and Blue Ash Roads. The DPBA is holding a ribbon cutting ceremony and there will be live music, food and prizes.

**Mayor's Report –** Mayor Donnellon announced that council is invited to walk in the VFW Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 30. Please meet at 9:45 am at Silverton Park. The parade begins at 10:00 am and will follow its regular route through Silverton to Webster Avenue to Blue Ash Road to Chamberlin Park for the traditional ceremony. The parade then continues to Bechtold Park.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Tolliver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Tassell. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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Christine Hedger  
President of Council

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Joan Perin  
Clerk of Council